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9-Line Target



Doors down, targets killed!

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien
Archbishop of Military Services

News in Brief

Clinic announces Spirit Day hours

The 509th Medical Group is open 8-11 a.m. today and April 18 for urgent care for the Spirit Day. The pharmacy is closed. If there is a medical emergency, call 911.

509th Bomb Wing selects 20 for BTZ

The 509th Bomb Wing chose 20 airmen first class for promotion to senior airman below the zone. They are:

Jason Serpa, 393rd Bomb Squadron, **Chasidy Bowen**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Summer Conner**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Twyla Sears** and **Kenneth Westrum**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Rachel Craig** and **Justin Taylor**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Ben Simmons** and **Carl Romero**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Veronica Guzman** and **Xia Thao**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Gabriel Deverney**, **Joshua Smith**, **Iris Vela** and **Matthew Zakarjsek**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Tiffany Baylis**, **James Guidry**, **Ray Richmond** and **Kyle Smith**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, and **Jeffrey Miller**, 509th Operations Support Squadron.

Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 71 °
L 47 °

Sunday

Partly cloudy



H 75 °
L 51 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Mission well done

Col. Gregory Biscone, 509th Operations Group commander, welcomes **Maj. Mike Jansen** home from the 509th Bomb Wing's forward-deployed location Monday. Jansen flew home with **Capt. Alex Mezynski** in the *Spirit of Georgia*. The 509th BW deployed more than 200 aircrew members, crew chiefs, specialists, weapon loaders, munitions specialists and structures specialists in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jansen and Mezynski are members of the 393rd Bomb Squadron.

Rep. Ike Skelton praises 509th Bomb Wing members

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, recently paid a tribute to 509th Bomb Wing members. The text of Skelton's tribute, which will be printed in the Congressional Record, follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding men and women of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base who are responsible for the most advanced flying machine in the hands of our armed forces, the B-2 Spirit Bomber.

"Nearly 3,500 members of the 509th Bomb Wing, operating from both their home base in Missouri and from a forward-deployed location, have kept B-2s in the air around the clock, day and night, since the beginning of our campaign to liberate the people of Iraq.

"The 509th Bomb Wing started Night One of Operation Iraqi Freedom by launching six B-2s and hitting 92 separate regime, command-and-control, and other high-value targets in downtown Baghdad. This unprecedented feat in

aerial history was successfully completed by crews flying 38-hour round-trip sorties.

"A tremendous effort has gone into training and equipping our great American airmen. They have proven, once again, that the B-2 is the first to fight. In this case, they have been the only bomber thus far that has been put directly in harm's way over Baghdad. The B-2 has demonstrated that it is an invaluable asset to coalition operations.

"We recognize and thank the members of the 509th Bomb Wing for their sacrifices, both at home and overseas. I know that the members of the famed 509th are also proud and greatly appreciative of the outstanding support they continue to receive from their friends and neighbors in Missouri. On this day and every day, our thoughts and prayers are with all our military members and their families."

Skelton serves as the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

WE KICKED THE DOOR DOWN ...OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM CONTINUES. This week the entire fleet of deployed B-2s returned home from their forward fighting location. Our OIF work appears to be coming to a close. Yet, just as our mission calls for us to kick the door down and kill targets, we now must take a combat pause and reflect on our tremendous contribution to the liberation of Iraq.

We've finished our third week of B-2 combat sorties...putting bombs on target, on time...half a world away. For the first time in our illustrious history, we accomplished this feat from two locations.

With a consistency and professionalism that makes every commander swell with pride, our combat chronicles will show that we struck at the heart of the enemy from the opening salvo of this fight. From Baghdad to numerous targets throughout Iraq, we killed almost 600 regime, command & control and military targets with incredible accuracy. Frankly, every weapon hit its precise point...all in less than 50 combat sorties, logging almost 1500 flying hours. That is an incredible capability and we are

responsible for. It is also a testament to the 509ers who make it happen each day.

We've learned a lot about our tactics, our jets and ourselves. The results are now being played out on television and perhaps every computer around the world. We have been an integral part of the combined coalition blitz of air strikes that has decimated the Iraqi military apparatus...now our coalition ground forces are standing right in the heart of what was once a lethal battlespace —Baghdad!

Gen Hap Arnold once said in 1936 that our biggest problem as airmen is "we make everything seem too damn easy." He was right then, and he's still right today. In approximately three days of B-2 bombing we helped capture Air Superiority...in approximately three weeks we ran out of targets.

Our Spirit Team has demonstrated once again, that what appears to be easy is really a result of good solid planning, training and realistic exercising. In short, we've 'gotten' back to the basics of who we are...airmen! I



Courtesy photo

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM— Airman 1st Class Joshua Spears, 509th Security Forces Squadron, guards the main entry control point at a deployed location. Spears is deployed with the 384th Expeditionary SFS.

commend you on a war-time performance that has truly demonstrated that the B-2 is the nation's choice for the Global Strike Task Force. We may be called to action again...be ready!

AEF 8 IS STILL ON THE ROAD...AND OTHERS. TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILY. Though we have over-

whelmed the world with our B-2, let us not forget that we still have almost 700 deployed members of the 509th. If you include the 442nd Fighter Wing, Navy Special Warfare Unit 114 and the Army National Guard "First Attack", Whiteman AFB has the most number of deployed personnel ever in its history...over 1000 members stationed abroad. In fact, one of our members of the 509th Comptroller Squadron is sitting in Iraq today conducting combat finance operations. More may follow.

Remember their families as we all take pride in the special work they accomplish at home. Now is the time to embrace their needs and comfort them with news from the forward locations.

SPIRIT DAY IS DESERVED. Today is a Spirit Day that we were unable to take in March because of our war preparation.

Enjoy this three-day weekend as we re-acquaint ourselves with our families. We've been pushing 24/7 for months to prepare, now it's time to take a break. Please be safe as you take advantage of this time off...more importantly, the weather is warming up and so may be your desire to get out and about—take it slowly!

An ounce of prevention beats a pound of cure. Remember, safety makes combat sense. Next Friday will be a Spirit Day for April...we've accomplished our mission goal.

Protection of patient's privacy beefed up

By Lt. Col. Mark Lewandowski
509th Medical Support Squadron Commander

When you receive healthcare at the 509th Medical Group clinic, your visit automatically guarantees you certain rights as a patient. Access to quality medical and dental care; respectful treatment; privacy and confidentiality; and knowing the identity and credentials of your medical provider are just a few.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 boosted the rights to privacy and confidentiality. HIPAA was passed by Congress to reform the health insurance market. It standardizes the health care administrative processes. Kim Tackett, 509th MedGp privacy officer, said Title II of HIPAA mandates the improvement of the health care system. It standardizes the electronic exchange of health information, and protects the security and privacy of individually identifiable health information.

Each time people see a doctor, visit a pharmacy or send a claim, a record is made of their confidential health information. In the past, health care providers protected the confidentiality of those records by sealing them away in file cabinets and refusing to reveal them to anyone else.

Congress recognized the need for national patient record privacy standards when it enacted the HIPAA. The law included provisions designed to save money for health care businesses by encouraging electronic transactions, but it also required new safeguards to protect that information. Lengthy new federal rules that guard the privacy of personal health information take effect Monday.

For most people checking into hospitals, the first change they'll notice is more paperwork. These questions may also be asked: Do you want us to let people know



Kim Tackett and Katy Holbert, 509th Medical Support Squadron members, review a request for release for a personal health information folder.

you're here? Can we tell them how you're doing?

These rules require the hospital staff to ask the patients — or their families — whether they want to be listed on hospital directories. The lists allow visitors to find out a patient's location in the hospital and general medical condition, such as "critical" or "good." If a person doesn't want to be on the directory, then no one can get that information and the hospital staff wouldn't be allowed to confirm whether a person is a patient.

The Military Health System — which the 509th MedGp is a part of — mailed notice of privacy practices to Tricare sponsors in December 2002.

The 509th MedGp has privacy and patient confidentiali-



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Lt. Col. Mark Lewandowski, 509th Medical Support Squadron commander, adjusts the privacy sign at the pharmacy's prescription refill window.

ty standards in place to limit unauthorized access or disclosure of personal health information. The new privacy rule provides Tricare beneficiaries with additional safeguards to ensure their health information is protected and is used by the MHS and Tricare to provide quality patient care.

If you do not receive a copy of the MHS notice of privacy practices in the mail, you may view it online at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa/lang-booklets.htm>. The notice explains how the MHS may use and share your personal health information to carry out treatment, payment of services and health care operations. Other reasons permitted or required by law are also referred to in the notice.

During a future visit to the clinic, you'll be asked to sign a medical record jacket label acknowledging receipt of the notice. This is so the MHS can make certain Tricare beneficiaries are informed of their right to the privacy of their personal health information. A patient's acknowledgment of receipt of the notice does not affect eligibility to receive care. For more details, call Kim Tackett at 687-2010.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Master Sgt. Gary Seidle and Bean Youngcourt, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron Readiness Flight, review deployment paperwork at the deployment control center.

509er earns ACC award for logistics plans work

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

Richard Youngcourt recently earned the Air Combat Command Logistics Plans Award for 2002. Youngcourt is the deputy readiness flight commander for the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

He manages deployment planning and execution activities for Team Whiteman.

Maj. Rex Adee, 509th LRS commander, said Youngcourt is an exceptional logistics planner. "His mission dedication and constant drive to develop job knowledge and gain operational experience established him as a valuable asset in the Whiteman logistics community," Adee said.

Youngcourt is credited with resuscitating the rarely used Whiteman installation deployment system by ensuring current and operation system components, conducting hands-on training and enforcing compliance. His efforts ensured real-world demands were met.

These included safely deploying 350 Missouri Army National Guard members for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, and deploying more than 425 Reserve members and 70 tons of A-10 support equipment for the 442nd Fighter Wing.

The Tonto Basin, Ariz., native was

influential in formatting, editing and publishing the 509th Bomb Wing's installation deployment plan. His work revitalized the installation's concept of deployment processing by ensuring home station units and transiting forces receive high quality, rapid personnel and equipment deployment support.

He employed a newly developed deployment processing line for multiple and unique deployment taskings. His actions eliminated the need for separate initial and final out-processing briefings for deploying members. The effort also saved the wing's personnel readiness unit more than 40 hours in redundant briefings.

"He's the linchpin of the logistics readiness flight," Adee said. "He masterfully handled a myriad of details throughout the full spectrum of Air Force logistics. His fingerprints are all over our logistics planning success."

Youngcourt, however, said he credits winning this award to a number of people.

"I owe this award to the support, resourcefulness and dedication of every member of my flight, squadron and every individual in the 509th and 442nd that works in the deployment machine. Without their contributions and might efforts, winning this award would not have been possible," Youngcourt said.

Wing recognizes newest promotees

The 509th Bomb Wing's promotion ceremony recognized 101 airmen March 31. They are:

Airmen Ashley Barber, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Martaiez Brown**, 509th Services Squadron, **Tanya Dean**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Jennifer Hockhalter**, 509th MDOS, **Felicia Hollins**, 509th OSS, **Paris Jackson**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Enrique Jose**, 509th OSS, **Ebonee Lane**, 509th SVS, **Tara Martin**, 509th OSS, and **Joseph Pagano**, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Airmen 1st Class Joshua Buckholtz, 325th Bomb Squadron, **Matthew Cost**, 393rd Bomb Squadron, **Lauren Dietz**, 509th MDOS, **Jennifer Figueroa**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Timothy Gatherum**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Jon Higdon**, 509th MUNS, **Megan Jaxheimer**, 509th OSS, **Benjamin Mabon**, 509th MXS, **Jenelee Moran**, 509th OSS, **James Mabry**, 509th OSS, **Melissa Perry**, 509th OSS, **Steven Russell**, 509th MXS, **Donald Walsh**, 509th SFS, **Caleb Watkins**, 509th AMXS, and **Janinaeva White**, 509th OSS.

Senior Airmen Jacob Atherton, 509th SFS, **Joseph Baltz**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Michael Berkey**, 509th CES, **Katty Beutenmuller**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Christopher Butler**, 509th MXS, **Clayton Castle**, 509th SVS, **Donald Crabtree**, 509th MXS, **Jamie Davidson**, 509th CES, **Christopher Davis**, 509th CES, **John Eaton**, 509th AMXS, **Jesse Fenton**, 509th MXS, **Zack Goodfield**, 509th SFS, **Charles Gray**, 509th SFS, **Brandon Holland**, 509th AMXS, **Brandon Innis**, 509th AMXS, **Robert Kerezi**, 509th Communications Squadron, **William Maddox**, 509th MOS, **Jeffrey Maese**, 509th MXS, **Jonathan Osborne**, 509th CES, **Nathan Robinson**, 509th OSS, **Lawrence Sink**, 509th AMXS, **Brett Tillman**, 509th OSS, **Jodi Trombetti**, 509th AMXS, **Matthew Tucker**, 509th LRS, **Eric Vincent**, 509th MXS, **Amber Walker**, 509th CES, **Rafael Whittier**, 509th SFS, **Curtis Wilson**, 509th AMXS, and **Malaika Wynn**, 509th Bomb Wing.

Staff Sgts. Travis Anderson, 509th LRS, **Randall Blair**, 509th SFS, **Mark Boone**, 509th AMXS, **Topaze Cole**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Nicholas Cox**,



Photo by Master Sgt. Francis Dupuis

Chief Master Sgt. Bob Niswonger, acting 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, recites the NCO pledge with newly promoted Staff Sergeants at the March 31 wing promotion ceremony.

509th AMXS, **Thomas Deppa**, 509th Contracting Squadron, **Joshua Estrada**, 509th AMXS, **Theodore Fest**, 509th SFS, **Michael Gilkeson**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Susan Grantham**, 509th MDSS, **Jedediah Koon**, 509th SFS, **Ericka McDaniel**, 509th AMXS, **Brian Morris**, 509th AMXS, **Kendrick Nelson**, 509th AMXS, **Daniel Nienhaus**, 509th SFS, **Patrick Odom**, 509th SFS, **Christopher Oliver**, 509th OSS, **Damion Rhymes**, 509th CS, **Joe Silva**, 509th SFS, **Craig Steffek**, 509th SFS, **Keith Thomas**, 509th MUNS, **Jason Thompson**, 509th AMXS, **William Timmons**, 509th AMXS, **Jay Tomten**, 509th CES, **Cedric Wedgeworth**, 509th LRS, and **Andrew Wilder**, 509th MXS.

Tech. Sgts. Richard Baldwin, 509th LRS, **Cary Cook**,

509th MOS, **William Everett**, 509th MXS, **James Fuenfgeld**, 509th OSS, **Daniel Jordan**, 509th SFS, **Matthew Natali**, 509th MUNS, **Brian Remmert**, 509th CS, **Kevin Richmond**, 509th AMXS, **Roger Strom**, 509th LRS, and **Randolph Wyatt**, 509th SFS.

Master Sgts. Patrick Crickard, 509th MXS, **Deborah Garcia**, 509th MXS, **Denise Grotzinger**, 509th MSS, **Frank Jones**, 509th AMXS, **Michael Nixon**, 509th CS, **Stuart Shepard**, 509th AMXS, **Marshall Thomas**, 509th AMXS, and **Donald Whitley**, 509th BW. Senior Master Sgt. **Larry Duncan**, 509th AMXS, and **Jose Palasi**, 509th OSS.

Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier, 509th SVS.

65 members re-enlist



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Staff Sgt. Steven Nabor, 509th Communications Squadron re-enlisted at a forward-deployed location Feb 21.

By Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush

509th Bomb Wing Career Assistance Adviser

In February and March, 65 members of the 509th Bomb Wing made a commitment to stay with the Air Force. They are:

Senior Airmen Carlos Morales-Castillo, 509th Comptroller Squadron, **Jonathan Fernandez**, 509th Maintenance Group, **Suzanne Fiora**, 509th Logistic Readiness Squadron, **Rudel Freeman**, 509th LRS, **Ryan Guthrie**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Kimberly Hernandez**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Brian Hickingbottom**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Davie Hobb**, 509th CES, **Sandra Perez**, 509th LRS **Kevin Phillips**, 509th LRS, **Mark Ramos**, 509th LRS, **Waylon Scales**, 509th LRS, **Garrett Trent**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Jodi Trombetti**, 325th Bomb Squadron, **Daniel Tuers**, 393rd Bomb Squadron.

Staff Sgts. Melaine Boothe, 509th CPTS, **Todd Erp**, 509th SFS, **William Epperson**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Scott Davis**, 509th MUNS, **Jeffrey Fessler**, 509th MOS, **Carla Green**, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron Detachment 12, **Rocky Hague**, 509th MUNS, **Timothy Harding**, 509th OSS, **Robert Murphy**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Ronald Morris**, 509th Services Squadron, **Chaun O'Hara**, 509th SFS, **Monti Park**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Jessica Peterson**, 509th MDSS, **Steve Nabor**, 509th CS, **Jeremy Shay**, 509th MXS, **Karen Simpson**, 509th MUNS,

Tamara Slagle, 509th LRS, **Jason Stucker**, 509th CES.

Tech.Sgts. Jerry Alquist, 509th CES, **Joseph Allen**, 509th MXS, **Willard Allen**, 509th MXS, **Todd Brimmer**, 509th MXS, **Gerald Crowley**, 509th OSS, **Craig Dickensheets**, 509th MXS, **Joseph Eccleston**, 509th AMXS, **George Ecklebecker**, 509th MXS, **Michael Ellis**, 509th SFS, **Jose Fonseca**, 372d Training Squadron, **Brett Frank**, 509th MXS, **Michael Mitchell**, 509th SFS, **Timothy Perkins**, 509th MXS, **Frank Jones**, 509th AMXS, **Keith Kochman**, 509th MXS, **John Lewis**, 509th BW, **Marty Maize**, 509th MDSS, **Stephen Verner**, 509th AMXS.

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Senior Master Sgts. Alphonse Godbout, 509th MXS, **Eric Von Hoene**, 509th MUNS.

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Erickson, 509th LRS.

Everyone of you is faced periodically with the decision to stay or go.

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask! Visit the career assistance adviser in Bldg 1435 or call 687-STAY (7829).

Eagle Eyes: Security doesn't stop at gate; be aware of what's going on

By Special Agent Jeff Thompson

Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigation

We have been fighting the war on terrorism for more than 18 months. With time, comes a tendency to be complacent and that's the last thing we need.

The Air Force developed the "Eagle Eyes" program to combat terrorism by enlisting everyone's assistance.

Almost always, terrorist acts are the culmination of many days, weeks or even months and years of pre-planning. Frequently, the time to prevent the crime is available if we would only recognize the signs.

Specific threats: Threats received by any means that contains a specific time, location or area for an attack.

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities, including the use of cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, writing on maps, or using binoculars or any



other vision-enhancing device.

Elicitation: Anyone or any organization attempting to gain information by mail, fax, telephone, or in person about military operations or people.

Tests of security: Attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures.

Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or

stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, decals, flight manuals, identification cards, drivers licenses, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture them), or any other controlled items.

Suspicious people: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment or anywhere else.

Dry run: Putting people into position

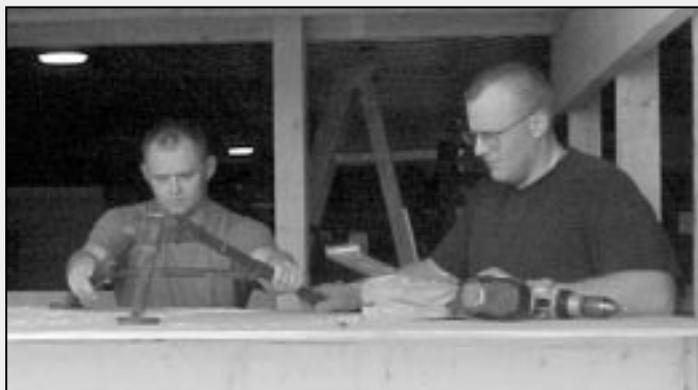
and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act such as kidnapping or bombing. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights.

Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities before the terrorism occurs.

Report suspicious activities to the local law enforcement agency and Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report activities to the Det. 207, AFOSI, call 687-1852 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays. After these hours, call the 509th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk at 687-3700.

By helping to protect Whiteman Air Force Base, you help protect yourself, your family and your community.

Eagle Eyes brochures are available from the AFOSI office at 1031 Vandenberg Ave., Suite 305.



Courtesy photo

On guard!

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Tech. Sgt. Steve Porter and Staff Sgt. James Vanover, 384th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, install gun emplacements for a main overwatch position. They are members of the 509th SFS.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Richard Freeland

Triumphant

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Ground personnel from the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron wait as the B-2 bomber powers down at its forward-deployed location following a successful mission over Iraq April 2.

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Courtesy photo

Sandcastle

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Deployed 509th Security Forces Squadron members Airman 1st Class Joshua Spears, Master Sgt. Robert Striegel and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hill carry sand to the main entry control point at a forward-deployed location. Sand can be used as part of the base's defenses, for construction purposes and to camouflage base assets. The men are deployed with the 384th Expeditionary SFS.

Female B-2 pilot makes history

By Airman 1st Class Alice Moore
40th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFP) — Military women continue to knock down barriers and make history.

Capt. Jennifer Wilson, who deployed with the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, landed on the runway April 1 at her forward-deployed location, making her the first female B-2 pilot to fly a combat mission.

"Flying is great," Wilson said. "I can't imagine doing anything else right now, and to be able to have a chance to fly in combat with the B-2 was an awesome experience."

Formerly a B-1 Lancer pilot, her first combat experience was gained during Operation Allied Force in Kosovo, the first time B-1s were involved in combat.

The 30-year-old Miami native earned her ROTC commission at Georgia Technical Institute in June 1995. She attended undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

After more than three years of flying the B-1, Wilson said she wanted to become a B-2 pilot.

"I wanted to have the opportunity to fly what I think is the most premier aircraft," Wilson said.

After a lengthy application and interview process, she was accepted for the B-2 pilot training program in the fall of 2000.

She became qualified in April 2002.

"My parents have always been there to encourage me in whatever it was that I wanted to do," Wilson said. "I owe a lot to my family for their support."

"For me, it's exciting to be a part of a chosen few," Wilson said. "I'm lucky to be able to do something so few people will ever have the opportunity to do."

Wilson said she believes the B-2 training she received gave her the confidence to complete the recent combat sortie.

"I wasn't scared," Wilson said. "We've all trained quite a bit leading up to this operation. I knew I was going to be able to come through and get the job done."

Wilson said she doesn't consider the mission a milestone. She said she feels thankful that she deployed with her squadron and the other airmen of the 40th Air Expeditionary Wing who are all working together toward the goal of securing freedom.

"It was just great coming off the plane and seeing the people who came to show me support," Wilson said. "From the maintainers to the operators, I was humbled to see them excited for me. We all work together to make the mission happen."



Capt. Jennifer Wilson

America's Air Force

*Cross into
the Blue*





Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

First Lt. Keith Johnson accepts Air Force Assistance Fund donations from Staff Sgt. Greg Mito. Johnson is the 509th Bomb Wing's AFAF project officer and Mito is the 509th Maintenance Group project officer.

Annual AFAF campaign helps Air Force people; ends April 18

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

Air Force people helping Air Force people is what the Air Force Assistance Fund drive is about. The drive ends April 18.

Whiteman's goal is \$46,393. As of April 4, the base achieved 25.6 percent of that goal with contributions of \$11,876.

The annual campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families. Charities receive 100 percent of the AFAF funds. This is the 30th year of the fund drive.

Project officers, their units and phone numbers are:

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Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Forman	509th BW	687-3652
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jay Osterhout	509th BW	687-6532
Staff Sgt. Kelli Remmert	509th MedGp	687-3937
Staff Sgt. Matthew Lau	509th MDSS	687-7164
Staff Sgt. Greg Mito	509th MXG	687-1594
2nd Lt. Eric Jagers	509th MXS	687-7462
Senior Airman Jamey Ballew	509th MXS	687-1538
Master Sgt. Timothy Stanfield	509th MUNS	687-3095
2nd Lt. Ross Hustings	509th AMXS	687-5852
1st Lt. Amy Collins	509th MSS	687-6410
2nd Lt. Shaloka Reed	509th MSG	687-5386
2nd Lt. Timothy Smith	509th LRS	687-1888
Master Sgt. Marcus Gray	509th SRS	687-4026
2nd Lt. Jeremy Bolin	509th CES	687-6288
Tech. Sgt. Michael Nixon	509th CS	687-5732
Staff Sgt. Tom Methvin	509th CS	687-4999
Master Sgt. Charles Blakeman	509th SFS	687-3027
1st Lt. Russ Carruth	509th CONS	687-5406
Capt. Ian Manire	509th OG	687-2686
Master Sgt. Scott Bachowski	509th OSS	687-1124
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Capt. Joe Walter	442nd FW	687-3363

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Letters of support

(Editor's Note: The 509th Bomb Wing has received numerous letters of support for our role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Here is a small sampling of those letters of gratitude.)

"... thank you for serving our country so bravely and for fighting for the freedom of the Iraqi people. I just wanted to do what I could and sadly, all I can do is say thank you."

David Williams
Independence, Mo.

"(I'm) watching from afar — a generation gap — but still the 509th is performing with great authority and effect just like the 509th of World War II and the Enola Gay. All the best to all who service and fly the B-2s."

"I'm a veteran of the Korean War, and I would like to say how much I really appreciate you guys for what you stand for."

Bud Weatherson
World War II veteran

Mike Kushwarra

"God bless you. You are a big part of what keeps our country safe."

"I just want to say thank you for making this world a safer place for my 3-month-old son, forever grateful."

Dale and Junior Dorris
Asbury, Mo.

The Downings Family
California



Courtesy photos



On the front lines

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — (Top) Airman 1st Class Jeremy Zeimet, 384th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron, stands guard. (Right) Airman 1st Class Michael Lyons mans an overwatch position at an OIF location. Both are members of the 509th SFS.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

509th Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Nick Martin, 509th Bomb Wing, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander, Monday.

Angie Littrell of Warrensburg, Mo., nominated Martin for the award.

Martin volunteered on short notice to attend a career fair at Ft. Osage Jr. High in Independence, Mo., after the initial presenter seemed likely to deploy. When the day came for the fair, both Martin and Littrell's husband, the original presenter, were able to attend.

Martin and Staff Sgt. Christopher Littrell, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, provided key information about the variety of career opportunities in the Air Force. They also spoke about Air Force standards and job satisfaction. The also shared personal experiences and information about the B-2.

"He (Martin) did a wonderful job of answering all of their questions," said Angie. "I appreciate all his time and effort he put forward on this project, especially during the present operations tempo."

The career fair coordinator said the airmen received the most positive feedback and invited them back again next year.

"In the future we may see a few of these kids become members of the Air Force thanks to these gentlemen," Angie said.

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: Public affairs staff writer/ editor

Time on station: 6 months

Time in service: 1 year

Hometown: Derby, Ct.

Spouse: April Lee

Goals: Finish my bachelor's degree. Pin on master sergeant stripes. Open a business with my wife.

Hobbies: Playing and writing music, graphic design, creative writing, landscaping, carpentry, camping and four-wheeling in my Jeep.

Pet Peeves: Sheepish people that are afraid to take a stand for what they believe in.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people! Whiteman is loaded with people who strive to help each other achieve their professional and personal goals. It's one team dedicated to each other and I'm lucky to be here.

What motivates your winning spirit? Pride in my country and to honor my family.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Get more high profile entertainment on base.

Spirit spotlights

... on **Airmen 1st Class, Marc Bakker**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Ryan Edwards**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Benjamin Fry**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Shannon Godwin**, 509th SFS, **Erin Goltry**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **John Kuhle**, 509th MXS, **Kenneth McCormick**, 509th SFS, **Minh Nguyen**, 509th MXS, **Doug Popham**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Scott Soverino**, 509th SFS, **Aaron Taylor**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **James Thomas**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Rachel Thompson**, 509th MXS, **Seth Wilson**, 509th Communications Squadron and **Shane White**, 509th AMXS; **Airmen, Dwight Green**, 509th AMXS, **Andre Jenkins**, 509th LRS and **Theresa Luna**, 509th LRS; **Airmen Basic, Delilah DeVault**, 509th CS and **Ashley McGill**, 509th LRS for recently completing the First-Term Airman Center.

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The Whiteman Spirit wants to feature you.

Do you, or does someone you know, have a story idea you'd like to see in the paper? Let our staff know about it.

For more information, call 687-6133 or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Ben Bachman
509th Medical Group First Sergeant

"Fingernail length and nail polish must be neat, conservative. Mustache length must not exceed the lower portion of the upper lip and cannot extend beyond the corner of the mouth. Earrings are not authorized to be worn by men and if worn by women, must be small and conservative. Hair for both men and women must be groomed and neat in appearance at all times. Nose rings, tongue rings/studs or any other form of body piercing and tattoos cannot be visible."

You may think I took these statements from Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance Standards for Air Force Personnel, but I didn't. They were taken from job applications from five different civilian employment locations.

Each employer — food services, retail, manufacturing, shipping and an insurance company — had a dress and appearance sheet either attached to the job application.

My point is this: I can't count how many times I've heard Air Force members complain about following the standards and how these standards aren't necessary.

The truth is, our standards aren't much different than



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Master Sgt. Ben Bachman, 509th Medical Group first sergeant, visits with members of the pharmacy.

our civilian counterparts.

If you plan to separate from the Air Force after your current enlistment because you don't want anyone saying you can't grow your hair really long, grow a fu-man-chu, get a nose ring or get a tattoo of a dragon on your forehead, you might want to contact your future employer and see what the dress and appearance standards are. You might be surprised how interested your future employer is about your dress and appearance, and how it represents their company.



Civilian employee of the week

Kim Preuitt was nominated for this award by 1st Lt. J.J. Jones, 509th Operations Group. "Her initiative and hard work ethic are well above the standard since she joined the 509th Operations Group as an office automation clerk," Jones said. "She routinely, without being asked, works many issues within the office when manning is low. Her work is always top-notch and done right the first time. Kim, by far, is a valuable key player within the OG staff."

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Missouri Army National Guard continues transitioning to AH-64A Apache helicopters

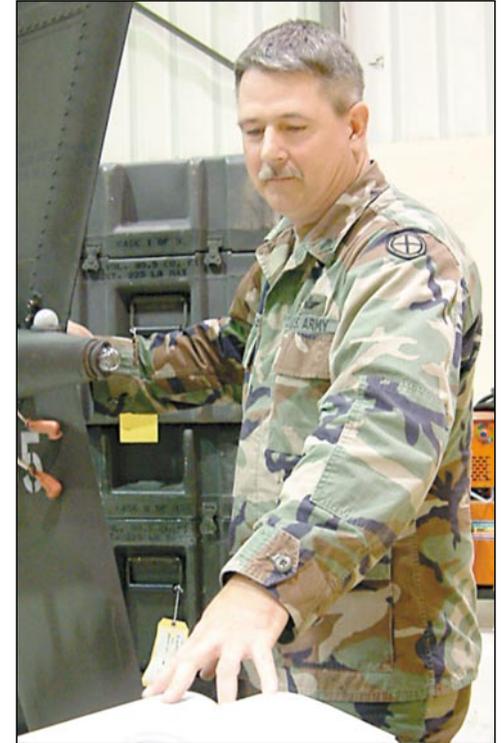


Army Staff Sgt. Darrel Lewtung, aircraft mechanic, installs an engine in an OH-58 Kiowa. The 1-135th Aviation Battalion has 10 Kiowa helicopters in its inventory. The aircraft will be phased out as the battalion transitions to AH-64A Apache helicopters.



Army Maj. David Dippold and Army Chief Warrant Officer James Nix perform a preflight check on an OH-58 Kiowa before going on a training mission. The pilots use this helicopter to maintain flying proficiency until the battalion completely replaces the Kiowas with AH-64A Apaches. The 1-135th is beginning a three-year training process for validation and to further integrate with the active Army component. This transition will help the battalion be an effective

fighting force as well as a strong resource for the governor of Missouri. The Apache has a full range of aircraft survivability equipment and has the ability to withstand hits from rounds up to 23 mm in critical areas. The AH-64A is a quick-reacting, airborne weapon system that can fight close enough to destroy, disrupt or delay enemy forces. The Apache also has better night flying and fighting capabilities.



Army Sgt. Tony Borgstadt, 1-135th Aviation Battalion, refers to the maintenance order as he repairs a vertical tail fin on an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter. The aircraft is used as an observation helicopter.



Aviation life support technician Army Sgt. 1st Class Ken Johnson inspects a cold-weather kit. He is responsible for maintaining the 1-135th Aviation Battalion's flight gear, survival radios, signaling devices and other items pilots need while on a mission.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Army Sgt. Joe Lindgard, a tool and parts attendant for the 1-135th Aviation Battalion, inventories the available stock. Lindgard is one of 34 full-time technicians working for the Missouri Army National Guard. There are 17 active Guardsmen assigned to the battalion.



Army Spc. Amy Pulliam, Army Staff Sgt. Kimberly Wilson and Army Sgt. 1st Class Gary Courtney review paperwork. Pulliam is the 1-135th Aviation Battalion's headquarters company training NCO. Wilson is the battalion's HHC personnel service NCO. Courtney is the HHC readiness NCO. Collectively they oversee the administrative actions, readiness and training of more than 290 traditional Guardsmen assigned here and in St. Peters, Mo.



Aircraft mechanic Army Staff Sgt. Keith Borgmeyer adjusts the pitch change link on an AH-64A Apache rotor. The 1-135th Aviation Battalion has four Apaches in the inventory. The battalion expects to receive four more by May 31 and have 18 in the inventory by August 2004.



Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Smith, armament electrical technician, and Army Staff Sgt. Jeff Gentes, armament mechanic, load a mock Hellfire missile onto an AH-64A Apache helicopter. The Apache's weapons system includes the 30mm M-230 chain gun, Hydra 70 2.75-inch rockets and Hellfire missiles.

War news Web site now available online

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — The Air Force has a special Operation Iraqi Freedom Web site that highlights news and photos from forward-deployed locations covering Air Force support of the war.

This site is in addition to daily Air Forcewide news featured at <http://www.af.mil>.

“We want to give people an easy access point to learn everything the Air Force is doing regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said Master Sgt. Jim Greeley, chief of news technology at the Air Force News Agency here.

Visitors will find photography, videos, background information, quick facts, maps and special reports on the page.

Access to the site is available by clicking on the Operation Iraqi Freedom button on the news page or by going directly to <http://www.af.mil/news/opscenter/index.shtml>.

Global Internet Mail ensures secure e-mail

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- ✓ Is part of Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force’s official community Web site, <https://www.afcrossroads.com>.
- ✓ Is available to active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired and civil service employees, and their authorized family members.
- ✓ Is free, but requires registration.
- ✓ Offers the advantages of security, bandwidth and availability over other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services.
- ✓ Is free of advertising and junk mail.
- ✓ Can be accessed from home or at the family support center for those who don’t have computers.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Surfing

Airman 1st Class Mihn Nguyen, 509th Maintenance Squadron, was one of the first people to use the Cyber Cafe’s Internet service after its grand opening. Airmen can use one of the five computer for free unlimited Internet access. The Cyber Cafe hours are 5:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. daily.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Reserved parking

Airman 1st Class Angel Unate and Senior Airman Alex Rodriguez wait to chalk the nose gear as the *Spirit of Kitty Hawk* taxis to final parking on April 2. The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs recover the bomber after it returns from its combat mission over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Test-taking class offered

The base training and education services flight offers a study and test-taking skills class at 9 a.m. April 23. The course focuses on reading, note-taking, studying, memorization and test-taking techniques. To register, call 687-5749 or 687-5750.

Community

Forum helps children

A forum to help children express and cope with their concerns about deployment begins at 6 p.m. April 24 at the community center. The program, sponsored by the family support center, family advocacy and the youth center, is for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Children will be divided into specific age groups where they will have the chance to discuss their feelings with a mental health professional. Parents are encouraged to attend. Call the FSC at 687-7132 to make a reservation.

Easter service set

An Easter sunrise service begins at 7 a.m. April 20 at Ike Skelton Park. The Charity Christian Center and the Whiteman Gospel Choir will provide music. Bishop Willie Shields will be on hand to preach and refreshments will be provided following the service. In the event of bad weather, the alternate meeting location will be the chapel.

Play group schedules events

The Mom's, Pop's & Tot's play group meets 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Missouri Army National Guard

Armory. April events include:

- ✓ Easter egg hunt Thursday
- ✓ Meeting at park for free play April 24

For more details, call Chelley Plowman at 687-4342.

Legal services available

The 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office provides notary and powers of attorney service 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, no appointment is necessary. Will preparation and other legal assistance is available without an appointment 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more details, call 687-6809.

Head Start sign up available

Applications for enrollment in the Head Start Program for fall 2003 classes are accepted now through May 16. The Missouri Valley Community Action Agency is recruiting 3- to 5-year-olds for this program. Free educational, social, medical, dental and nutritional services are provided through the center or home base options to children from families with limited income. This includes children with disabilities. Services are also available for pregnant teens, infants and toddlers.

For more details, call the Warrensburg Head Start Center at 660-429-1144 or the Knob Noster Head Start Center at 563-3751. Class sizes are limited.

Autism support group meets

The Central Missouri Chapter of the Autism Society of America support group meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St. in Warrensburg. For more details, call Paula Bourassa at 660-429-0585.

Thrift Shop volunteers needed

Volunteers who are Officers' Spouses Club or Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization members are needed at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Call 563-3910 for more information.

Park schedules activity days in Warrensburg

Warrensburg Parks and Recreation hosts Out of School Days Thursday, April 18 and April 21. The event is for kindergartners through fifth graders. Participants will take part in a train ride, egg hunt and kaleidoscope activities. The cost is \$17 per day. Call 660-747-7178 for more details.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Mentor orientation scheduled

Training for people interested in mentoring students in the Knob Noster School District begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Guidelines, responsibilities and the application process will be discussed.

Financial refresher set

A financial briefing for senior airmen and below not attending the First-Term Airmen Center begins at 1 p.m. Monday. Reservations are required.

Parent group meets

A forum to address parental questions and concerns with Dr. Gary Kitto begins at 6 p.m. Thursday. Reservations are required.

Teen resume class

A class designed to help teens write a resume begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Reservations are required.

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Defending champs open season with wins



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Paul Valdez, 509th Medical Group, dribbles the ball downfield as Juan Washington, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, defends. The 509th MedGp intramural soccer team held off the 509th LRS team 5-4.

By Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

While boasting a strong attack, the 509th Medical Group intramural soccer team's scoring abilities start in the trenches: its back line.

"We load up our defense and control the midfield well," said 509th MedGp coach Rich Thorpe. His team defeated the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron 5-4 and the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 6-4 Monday. "That's why we scored a lot of those goals."

Forwards Paul Valdez, 509th MedGp, and Mike Addis, 442nd Fighter Wing, returned from last year's team to spearhead the team's attack. Valdez scored two goals to help lift 509th MedGp, (2-0) in the win over the 509th LRS. The striker will help make up for the loss of Steve Chappel, 509th MedGp a scoring threat who is deployed.

"Valdez is our money player," Thorpe said. "He's the guy who gets the ball in the net."

Thorpe said the team's abilities to defend and control the ball at midfield will carry the team to success this season. That strategy panned out to perfection last season, when the team won the intramural league championship.

Thorpe decided to shuffle his lineup in the second half of the LRS game and tried new players in some positions.

They didn't fare as well as the original lineup, getting outscored 2-0 in the second half.

Thorpe said many of his players lack

experience because some have never played competitive soccer before. Thorpe used his leadership abilities to lead at goalkeeper which helped solidify a defense led by sweeper T.J. Deppa, 509th Contracting Squadron.

"T.J. is the heart and soul of defense," Thorpe said. "He runs the show from the back."

Like many Whiteman intramural soccer teams, MedGp struggles with numbers. The team lacked four players in the first game, then lost four more for the game vs. AMXS. The 509th MedGp takes on the 509th Operations Support Squadron team at 6 p.m. Monday.

LRS falls short

Trailing the 509th MedGp 5-2 at half-time, the 509th LRS team bounced back in the second half on goals from Craig Lowery, 509th LRS, and Ryan Adee. "Everyone played their heart out," said LRS coach Joe Amegatcher.

The MedGp peppered the LRS defense with numerous shots on goal. However without the efforts of LRS goalkeeper David Dunne, 509th LRS, the team may have gotten buried.

Dunne made several crucial saves, including his stop of MedGp's David Mendez in the first half from 15 yards out.

"We weren't the most skilled team out there, but we are playing as a team," said Amegatcher.

The next LRS contest is a rematch against MedGp at 5 p.m. April 21.



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

The next Mia Hamm?

Sydney Bierman, daughter of Staff Sgt. Dale Bierman, 509th Communications Squadron, springs past Nathan Langley. Langley is the son of Maj. Don Langley, 509th Bomb Wing. The children are members of the Dragons kindergarten soccer team. Kindergarten soccer games take place at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays next to First-Term Airmen Center. For more information, call the youth center at 687-5586.

Spike flying

Nate Howell, 509th Security Forces Squadron, goes up for a spike during a SFS intramural volleyball practice. Howell is a setter for the varsity volleyball team. Six squadron intramural teams compete at 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the fitness center. Extramural games begin at 5 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

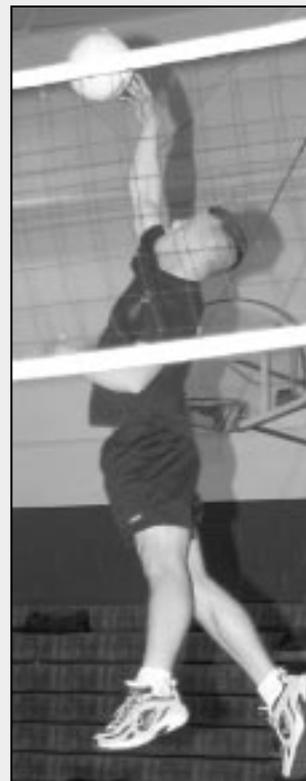


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Services Page editor..... Annalyn Adriano-Nabor
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WIN this 20-inch Huffy BMX bike!

Details and an entry form can be found in Services' April issue of *Got'cha*.

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ASE certified mechanic

Auto skills has an automotive service excellence certified mechanic available to perform scheduled maintenance and repairs on rotors, engines, suspension, steering, brakes, and heating and air conditioning. The cost is \$40 an hour for labor. Call to schedule an appointment.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Wall climbing class

Become certified to climb the 20x20-foot wall 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Extended hours are available 5:30-9 p.m. today. This is a free event.

Boater safety course

Receive certification to rent a boat at outdoor recreation 9-11 a.m. Saturday. The free class is required to operate boats from outdoor recreation.

Frisbee golf

Help design the nine-hole golf course around the base lake, then play frisbee golf with family and friends 9 a.m.-noon April 19. This is a free event.

Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5572

1040 Scramble

Golfers can enter a 1040 three-person scramble at 8 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$10. Greens fee and cart are not included.

Mission's End 687-4422

Breakfast for a buck!

Club members can enjoy breakfast for \$1 6-8 a.m. Tuesday. The meal includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, fried potatoes, coffee, juice and pastry.

Super Mongolian Barbecue

Family and friends can enjoy a super Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8 p.m. April 18. Cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Watch the HBO boxing series

Lightweight Championship
Mayweather vs. Balbi
at 9 p.m. April 19 in the
Lavene Lounge for free.



Youth Center 687-5586

Start smart baseball

Three- through 5-year-olds can learn basic baseball skills 9-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$20 per child, and includes manual and snack. Sign up through April 18. The season runs April 21-May 14.

Chalk it up!

Kindergartners through fourth graders can create sidewalk chalk murals and play games 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 18. Cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

Easter egg hunt

Fifth through seventh graders can hunt for Easter eggs and play games 6-9 p.m. April 19. Cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sign up by April 18.

Can't B-2 cool

Requests for summer care for school-age youth are accepted now through Tuesday for the school-age program. The cost is based on total family income. The camp is available to children who have completed first through sixth grade.

Teen Center 687-5819

Flicks and bowling mix lock-in

Teens can bowl and watch a movie 10:30 p.m. April 25-6 a.m. April 26. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. Sign up by Tuesday. Bring money for drinks.

Eggstra-ordinary egg hunt egg-stravaganza

Teens can hide eggs, play games and more 6-10 p.m. April 18. Bring a flashlight to hunt for eggs. The grand prize winner will receive a free month of membership to the teen center. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Open Saturdays

Tickets & Travel is open 8-11 a.m. Saturdays, located inside the community center. Purchase tickets to Six Flags, Silver Dollar City or Worlds of Fun. Agents can also book plane tickets, car rentals, hotel accommodations, cruise trips and more. Stop by for more information.



Events include:

- ~ Riverboat dinner
- ~ Jazz cruise
- ~ Jewelry making
- ~ Historic homes tour
- ~ Mark Twain Museum tour
- ~ Wine and cheese party
- ~ Pampering from head to toe and more

Most events are free. Contact Tickets & Travel for lodging, carpool driver sign-up and other information.

April 25-27

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Airman's Night Out

Senior airmen and below can bowl for 75 cents a game 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday. Cost is \$1 for two pairs of shoes.

Families of deployed military members

Games are half price for spouses and free for children 5-9 p.m. Mondays. Cost is \$1 each for games and shoes.

Skills Development 687-5691

Silver pendant class

Create a silver pendant using precious metal and clay 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 23. The cost is \$18 and includes supplies.



Annual Spring Craft Fair 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17

Vendors can reserve a space now through May 15. Cost is \$10 per table. Sign up at the skills development center

Community Center 687-5617

Don't leave home without it!

To use the skate park, skaters must receive certification at the community center. Youth ages 5-17 must be accompanied by a parent to receive certification. The cost is \$5.

Youth-n-teen flea market

Youth and teens can buy, sell or trade clothing, toys, books and games 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The event is free. Youth 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Kansas Speedway tour & more

Tour the Kansas Speedway, Cabelas Outdoor Store and ride go-carts at Nascart Indoor Racing in Bonner Springs, Kan. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 26. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Bring money for lunch and shopping. Nascart go-carts cost \$12.50. Sign up by Wednesday.

Salsa dancing

Learn the art of salsa dance 7-8 p.m. Fridays. The event is free. No partner is needed.

Family Child Care 687-5590

Base residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. The Air Force has updated guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requiring anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call for more details.

Fitness Center 687-5496

1040 tax day run

Runners or walkers can participate in a free 5K noon-1 p.m. Tuesday. Refreshments and prizes will be provided.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Gods and Generals PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- Bruce Boxleitner & Billy Campbell
Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, the famous Confederate general, must weigh the consequences as each battle costs the lives of thousands of men. The film chronicles the three main battles leading up to Gettysburg.

Saturday

Cradle 2 the Grave R 7 p.m.

Starring -- DMX & Jet Li
When an international criminal kidnaps the daughter of a gang leader as part of a diamond heist, it causes the city's police to engage in an intensive search aided by the father's gangsters.

Sunday

The Life of David Gale R 5:30 p.m.

Starring -- Kevin Spacey & Laura Linney
Dr. David Gale, a Texas professor and advocate for the elimination of the death penalty, finds himself on death row for the rape and murder of another activist.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.